

City of Binghamton
Commission on Architecture and Urban Design
17 December 2013
Minutes

APPROVED – 28 January 2014

Date: 17 December 2013
Location: PHCD Conference Room, 4th Floor City Hall
Present: Ruth Levy – Commissioner, Chair
Sean Massey – Commissioner, Vice-chair
Mike Haas – Commissioner
Peter Klosky – Commissioner
H. Peter L’Orange – Historic Preservation Planner
Thomas Costello – Supervisor, Building Construction
Joel Boyd – Economic Development

Ms. Levy called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 PM.

The minutes from the 19 November 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Massey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; it was seconded by Mr. Klosky. There was no further discussion. The motion was carried 4-0-0.

Items Heard:

23 Front Street – Rear Stair Addition: The Applicant’s representative presented the case. The Applicant proposed to demolish an existing, non-original exterior staircase at the rear of the house. The existing stair is not code-compliant and is in a deteriorated state. The Applicant presented two (2) alternative plans to the Commission. There was thorough discussion of both options. The Commission was generally in agreement that Option B would have less of an impact on the structure as a whole, and that it better respected the form of the original building. Mr. Haas made a motion to approve Option B as presented; it was seconded by Mr. Massey. There was some minor additional discussion, but no amendments to the motion. The motion was carried 4-0-0; the project, using Option B, was APPROVED.

Other Business

- Kady Perry presented some preliminary ideas/concepts for some public arts projects; further review of the final plans will still be necessary.
- The Commission discussed the proposed modifications to the Sign Ordinance.

There was no further business.

Mr. Massey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Klosky. The motion carried 4-0-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission on Architecture and Urban Design is scheduled for Tuesday, 28 January 2013.